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Blase,

Attached below, and I hope you are able to open the link, are several R3 Headline News. The first two are for the Dimock site to support the request for overtime and the 3rd item supports the MTM hydraulic "fracking". This is from R3 Headline news.

## **EPA Testing Dimock Water**

**WBGH.COM** (late Friday) The EPA has completed well water sampling at 11 homes in Dimock this week. The EPA says it is also bringing in a truckload of water to four families each day. Daily water deliveries will continue until the EPA gets a better idea as to how much water each home needs. These are moves that have stepped on the toes - so to speak - of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Cabot Oil and Gas. Late last year, the DEP agreed with Cabot that the water in Dimock is safe and Cabot could stop delivering water to a group of families who presumably had their wells contaminated by drilling operations. However, the EPA says it's concerned with some of the results that the DEP and Cabot think are fine, so it's doing more testing. Trish Taylor says, "It's been reviewed for chemical compounds that we know are associated with drilling operations as well as heavy metals and organics in other compounds that we normally would look at to see if there were other potential health risks." Water deliveries will continue at least for about another five weeks, until test results come back. The EPA is conducting split sampling with the DEP and Cabot as long as the residents agree to it. So far 44 additional homes have agreed to let the EPA do more testing.

## **Hanger Slams CBS for Dimock Story**

**NPR-STATEIMPACT** For-mer Depart-ment of Envi-ron-men-tal Pro-tec-tion Sec-re-tary John Hanger says CBS "botched" a piece about Dimock's water con-t-a-m-i-na-tion. The report aired on Sat-ur-day, and the link has no byline, but from the host intro, it sounds like the reporter's name is Tony Gadda. (a search of his name with dif-fer-ent spellings didn't turn up any-thing on the CBS website) The reporter made a com-mon mis-take, he turned methane migra-tion into frack-ing, despite Hanger's best efforts to the contrary. What gets Hanger's goat the most is that the CBS piece makes a direct link between Dimock's water con-t-a-m-i-na-tion and frack-ing. Imme-di-at-ely after mak-ing that con-nec-tion, the cam-era goes to Hanger him-self who says "there are 18 water wells that have been impacted by poor gas drilling in Dimock."

## **Safe Gas Fracking Touted by Obama Disputed by Environmentalists**

**BLOOMBERG NEWS** President Barack Obama's promotion of fracking as a safe way to boost natural gas production is disputed by environmentalists who say the government lacks tough rules to safeguard air and water. Groups such as Protecting Our Waters say hydraulic fracturing -- in which a mix of water, sand and chemicals are shot underground to break apart rock and free gas -- is tainting drinking water and causing more pollution than is cut by the cheap gas. The broad new federal legislation and regulation the groups advocate would tangle up fracking in miles of red tape, industry

leaders counter. "We're disappointed in his enthusiasm for shale gas," Iris Marie Bloom, director of Protecting Our Waters in Philadelphia, said in an interview. Obama "spoke about gas as if it's better for the environment, which it's not."

Thanks!!!!!!!!!!

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